

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Michael Rady

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Cory Booker

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Youth Policy Forum

Travel date(s): October 8-10

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Boston, MA and East Providence, RI

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Michael Rady works on education policy for Senator Booker. This study tour highlights effective programs on supporting former foster youth and incarcerated youth to acquire the education and skills to enter the workforce.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

2/6/2020
(Date)

Michael Rady
(Signature of Employee)

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Cory Booker hereby authorize Michael Rady
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box)

2/6/2020
(Date)

J.C.B.
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Youth Policy Forum

Travel date(s): October 8-10, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$296.63 (includes one-way flight, bus transportation to site visits, and water taxi)	\$546	\$130	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Please see the attached trip itinerary

2/6/2020
(Date)

Michael Rady
(Printed name of traveler)

Michael Rady
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

2/6/2020
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



American Youth Policy Forum

Harnessing the Potential of Young Adults: How Programs Are Using Youth Voice, Education, and Workforce Development to Transform Systems

An AYPF Study Tour

October 8-10, 2019

Boston, Massachusetts and East Providence, Rhode Island

Nationally, there are 4.6 million young adults between the ages of 16-24 that are not in school or working. These outcomes are more troubling for young adults “aging out” of foster care and/or involved in the juvenile justice systems due to additional barriers. For example, incarcerated youth can face systemic discrimination, as many employers and workforce development programs can perceive them as less reliable and workforce ready due to their past convictions. For young adults aging out of foster care, their unemployment rates can be as high as 69% compared to only about 10% of young adults ages 16 to 24 who are not in foster care due to their lack of stable housing and other critical supports. Despite these numbers, three nationally recognized programs in Rhode Island and Massachusetts have found a way to successfully combine youth voice, education, and employment to create a new narrative for the young people they serve. The programs offer social enterprises, job training, case management, mentoring, and share a deep commitment to harnessing the potential of young adults.

The Study Tour will consist of multiple policy discussions, site visits, testimonies from young adults, and presentations from labor/workforce, child welfare, and juvenile justice leaders about the steps they are taking to coordinate systems and streamline services to achieve greater outcomes for youth. Additionally, we will discuss relevant federal legislation and programs that are supporting this work.

Our goals include:

- Highlighting three effective programs that are using education and workforce development as a key strategy for achieving success with young adults.
- Elevating youth voice and hearing directly from young adults about how their involvement in workforce and education programs have changed their trajectory.
- Identifying and including state government departments to highlight the importance of government systems partnering with programs to increase support for youth.
- Discussing how federal/state policies can be improved to better serve young adults involved in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

program to earn college credits. In 2018, UTEC served 148 young adults in their intensive enrollment program, and nearly a total of 600. Of enrolled young adults, 94% had a criminal record; 66% lacked a high school credential; and 52% were expecting/parenting. As a result of working with UTEC, 97% had no new convictions or technical violations; 88% had no new arrests or technical violations; and 63% received an industry-recognized certification.

10:30am-10:40am

Welcome to UTEC (Main Building)

Geoff Foster, Director of Organizing and Policymaking, UTEC

Geoff will provide participants with an overview of the various programs at UTEC that young adults can participate in and their recruitment process to find young people with prior involvement in the juvenile justice system. Additionally, participants will be provided with a brief history of the organization, their program model, and success rates.

10:40am-11:00am

Eliminating Barriers: 2Gen Early Childhood Education Center Site Visit

More than a third of UTEC's young adults are also young parents and finding affordable, high-quality child care is often a major barrier to seeking employment and education opportunities. In 2017, UTEC opened an onsite, UTEC-operated early childhood education center to help young families break the cycle of poverty. With a child-centered, social-emotional based curriculum, their 2Gen Center is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy that encourages children to lead their own learning. With experienced, educated teachers supporting independence and self-regulation, children at the 2Gen Center are building on the same Core Competencies that their parents are working on next door.

11:00am-11:50am

Youth in Action: UTEC's Food Manufacturing, Café, and Woodwork Social Enterprises Tour

UTEC's social enterprises offer young adults paid work experience to develop the job and life skills required to excel in any workplace. Their social enterprises achieve a triple bottom line by: 1) facilitating positive youth development, along with paid work experience; 2) generating earned revenue to support their mission; and 3) supporting the communities' economic development.

11:50am-12:30pm

Shifting Gears: How UTEC's Work is Shaping Policies and Programs

- Peter J. Koutoujian, Sheriff, Middlesex County Sheriff's Office
- Edward Donlan, Commissioner of Probation, Massachusetts Department of Probation

11:50am-12:30pm

The Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and Department of Probation will join us to discuss two new programs that UTEC is implementing to connect young adults with opportunities and reduce recidivism rates. Program descriptions below:

Young Adult Unit: Working with the Vera Institute of Justice and UTEC, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office created a program for young adults with histories of incarceration, to operate a unit for individuals ages 18 to 24. The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is the first local jurisdiction in the nation to create such a specialized unit. UTEC will be able to integrate their education, job training, and counseling services to support young adults before they are released. This shift will help to improve opportunities for success, and ultimately reduce recidivism among young adults.

Transitional Youth Early Intervention Probation Pilot: The Office of the Commissioner of Probation, the Trial Court, and UTEC will work together to develop strategies to reduce recidivism among young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 who are at the highest risk of reoffending. Participation in the pilot program may occur as a court-ordered condition of probation, as an intermediate sanction prior to incarceration, or as a voluntary referral for services by a probation officer. Participants will receive specialized recidivism-reduction programming as well as education and employment services.

12:30pm-1:00pm

A Youth's Perspective: Why This Work Matters Lunch Conversation
Participants will have the opportunity to hear from several young adults about their experiences and which key elements of UTEC's programs have been the most meaningful to them.

1:00pm-2:00pm

Drive to Site #3, (From Boston, MA to Pawtucket, RI)

Foster Forward
50 Ann Mary St.,
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Site Description:
Foster Forward is a nationally and locally recognized leader committed to empowering lives impacted by foster care. In Rhode Island, the youth unemployment rate is 20%, it is more than double at 52% for youth who have experienced foster care. Works Wonders, a program of Foster Forward was originally started as a research initiative funded through a Children's Bureau grant to research ways to help Rhode Island's foster youth who have aged out of or are about to age out of state care succeed



in the workplace. About 60% of youth in the Works Wonders program did not have previous work experience. The program has grown into an evidence-supported career development and employment engagement program that provides 8-10 hours of skills-based training, 12 weeks of one-on-one career coaching, and paid work-based learning opportunities.

2:00pm-2:10pm

Welcome to Foster Forward

Lisa Guillette, Executive Director, Foster Forward

2:10pm-2:30pm

The Power of Community: Foster Forward's Storefront Tour

As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." This sentiment rings true especially for youth and families involved in the foster care system. Foster Forward's Storefront is an amazing space where those impacted by foster care in Rhode Island may gather for activities and shop for donated clothes, toys, and other household needs. Youth, foster parents, and others can shop for free items during designated days and times. We'll make a brief stop to check out the space and hear about how the storefront began and its impact on those involved in the foster care system.

2:30pm-2:45pm

Drive to 55 S. Brow St., Providence, RI (FF's Main Location)

2:45pm-3:00pm

Where the Magic Happens: Foster Forward's Main Building Tour

Foster Forward runs several programs focused on providing critical supports to older foster youth. These programs include: Works Wonders; Youth Establishing Self-Sufficiency (YESS) Aftercare Services through the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF); Aspiring Young Leaders; Real Connections Mentoring; and ASPIRE, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative and IDA matched savings account. We will chat briefly with program staff as we take a quick tour of their building.

3:00pm-3:45pm

Youth In Transition: The State's New Legislation to Extend Foster Care Services to Age 21

- Senator Louis DiPalma, District 12, Rhode Island General Assembly
- Blanca Goetz, Foster Forward Participant
- Hailey Cote-Grenon, Foster Forward Participant
- Victoria Ferrara, Director of Programs, Foster Forward (Moderator)

Last year, Rhode Island passed legislation that would provide eligible 18-year-old youth in foster care with the option to stay in foster care and request services, such as housing assistance and job training. This policy existed in Rhode Island, until it was eliminated in 2007 due to a budget

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